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(B) MADRID 3803 (DTG 101918Z APR 78)

1. WE CONCUR IN THE APPROACH SUGGESTED BY USNATO IN ITS
FURTHER EFFORTS WITH THE ALLIES IN BRUSSELS. (REF A)

2. WE WOULD ADD THAT THE SEVERAL RECENT EVIDENCES OF
HEIGHTENED SPANISH ATTENTION TO THE NATO QUESTION

(DESCRIBED PRINCIPALLY IN REF B) HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY SUGGESTIONS TO US FROM SPANISH OFFICIALS OF ANY DESIRE AT THIS TIME FOR A MORE INTENSE DIALOGUE WITH NATO AS AN INSTITUTION. THE POSITION EXPRESSED BY GOS OFFICIALS AT THE HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR OF MARCH 9-10 IN THIS RESPECT REMAINS UNALTERED. NOR IS THERE ANY INDICATION THAT THE GOS WISHES TO ENCOURAGE SIGNALS FROM ANY OF THE ALLIES WHICH MIGHT HAVE THE EFFECT OF INTENSIFYING THE DOMESTIC DEBATE UNTIL AFTER THE NEW SPANISH CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY A POPULAR REFERENDUM THIS SUMMER OR EARLY IN THE FALL.

3. BROAD SUPPORT FOR SPANISH MEMBERSHIP, WITHOUT PRESSURE, FROM THE U.S. AND FROM THE OTHER ALLIES, CONTINUES TO CONSTITUTE AN APPROPRIATE POSTURE. STABLER

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